GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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Budgetary Allocation for SD
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) The reasons for non − utilisation of allocations/employment opportunities/other allocations made under different skill development scheme;

(b) Whether the budgetary allocations under various skill development schemes have been inadequate/declining steadily during the past several years; and

(c) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) The mandate of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is to improve the employability of the labour force by skilling on a large scale with speed and high standards, to meet the overarching vision of "Skill India". Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna, launched on 15th July 2015, is the major flagship programme of the Ministry. It aims to mobilize a large number of Indian youth to take up outcome based skill training and earn their livelihood. The scheme, with an outlay of Rs. 1500 Crore during 2015-16, envisaged that payment to individual candidates would be released only after successful completion of skill training and certification, subject to Aadhar validation through their bank account. The process of opening bank accounts and Aadhar validation for all the trainees being a long drawn process, could not be completed within the financial year, resulting in non − utilization of allocation during 2015-16.

(b) & (c) For effective outcome based monitoring of implementation of the programmes and schemes and to ensure optimum utilisation of resources, budgetary allocations by Ministry of Finance have been based on an exercise to rationalise Plan and Non Plan schemes of all Ministries and Departments. As against a budgetary allocation of Rs. 1983.82 crore in 2015-16, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was allocated Rs. 1804.28 crore in 2016-17. For generation of additional funds for skilling, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has reached out to PSUs/ Companies under various Ministries for CSR Funds for Skill Development and signed several tripartite Memorandum of Understandings for skill training projects to be implemented by National Skill Development Corporation and funded by PSUs. In addition, strategic partnerships have been undertaken between Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and other Ministries/Departments in the Central Government, to collaborate on scaling up skill training activities in specific sectors and leveraging existing infrastructure.